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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 25 April 1966

Godfrey noted that yet another interagency group known as the Interdepartmental Planning Group will be constituted to turn out national policy papers. Subjects to be covered will be those not covered by the IRG's and the SIG.

Kent noted interest in the AEC in evidence pertaining to Soviet programs for the peaceful use of atomic energy. This will be covered in forthcoming NIE's.

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[] noted that an NRO Executive Committee Meeting will take place tomorrow. A meeting will be arranged with the DCI to discuss the agenda and papers prior to the meeting.

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[] said that the OXCART deployment paper is being recast for a DCI presentation to the President. DCI wants the presentation to be in booklet as well as vu-graph form.

ADD/S reported that the second phase of modification of the Headquarters building air conditioning begins today. The project will take eight to ten months and is expected to correct current deficiencies. DCI reminded ADD/S of the need to ensure that security is maintained during this work.

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deSilva reported that the Chairman of the JCS was briefed on the [] on 23 April. The Chairman was delighted and pleased, and messages have been sent through military channels to reflect this interest. An Agency team under Dr. [] left yesterday for Vietnam with sixty-three kits for training and orientation purposes. The team will stay as long as necessary to begin implementation of the technique.

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deSilva reported that one of his officers is returning this week from Vietnam after having taped all lectures and training programs delivered at the PAT training facility at Vung Tau. We had never previously been certain of the content of all lectures. DCI noted that this will be useful

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in the event of expansion of the PAT training concept as recommended by Ambassador Porter. DD/P said that the Agency has made a preliminary selection of a second PAT training site, this one at Phuc Tuy.

IG reported that, in connection with a current security survey, he recently made visits to Boston and New York where he had friendly and useful conversations with the police commissioners in each city. The commissioners were highly complimentary of the Agency and assured their continued cooperation. Each was invited to come to the Agency for a visit. DCI asked ADD/S to pass along these commendatory comments to appropriate Agency officers.

DD/P reported on State Department opposition to the thrust of the Agency's suggestion for a public statement in advance of the next ChiCom nuclear test. The Department's proposed statement is unsatisfactory to us, but it is essentially the Department's responsibility. [redacted] noted that current evidence continues to indicate that the next test is several weeks away.

In answer to DCI inquiry, DD/P reported briefly on the current situation and outlook in the Dominican Republic.

DCI stated his concern over recent indications of Viet Cong infiltration in and around Saigon. He referred to a recent Agency study of a Viet Cong directive to intensify work in urban areas.

DCI noted a recent letter from the BOB Director and the Presidential Science Adviser to Secretary Rusk asking for a special study of various aspects of space reconnaissance. It was agreed that the Executive Director would establish an Agency task force to have a look at this and to touch base with the two officers who wrote to the Secretary to gather as much background as possible.

DCI reported briefly on the 303 Committee Meeting last week. The [redacted] paramilitary program was approved subject to a final approval by Secretary Rusk and Higher Authority. The proposed [redacted] program was deferred. All other items were approved. The DCI said that Rostow had chatted with him after the 303 Committee Meeting and had expressed thanks for the Agency's intelligence support of Rostow in his new post in the White House.

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